

Nations has asked the rich countries for \$163 million to help them. It has received \$4 million, or 2.5 percent of the money it requested.

Burundi, where almost one-sixth of the inhabitants have been forced out of their homes by conflict and natural disasters, and which is now officially listed as the third poorest nation on earth, has received 3 percent of its U.N. request. Liberia, where rebels have rendered much of the western part of the country uninhabitable, forcing some 500,000 people out of their homes, has been given 1.2 percent; Sierra Leone, where lassa fever is now rampaging through the refugee camps, has received 1 percent; and Guinea, which has recently taken 82,000 refugees from Cote d'Ivoire, 0.4 percent. Somalia, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo have all received less than 6 percent.

Much of the money for these invisible countries has come from donor nations with relatively small economies, such as Sweden, Norway, Canada and Ireland. "The state of Africa", Tony Blair told his party conference in October 2001, "is a scar on the conscience of the world, but if the world focused on it, we could heal it". Well, let it now be a scar on the conscience of Tony Blair.

As a result of this unprecedented failure by the rich nations to cough up, the people of the forgotten countries will, very soon, begin to starve to death. The U.N. has warned that "a break in supplies" to Eritrea "is now inevitable". The World Food Programs has started feeding fewer people there, but will run out of food within two months. In Burundi it can, it says, continue feeding people "for another four weeks". Beans will run out in Liberia this month; cereals in May. One hundred thousand refugees in Guinea could find themselves without food by August. Yet neither of the two governments which are about to launch a "humanitarian war" appear to be concerned by the impending humanitarian catastrophes in the world's poorest nations.

The aid crisis is now so serious that it is restricting disaster relief even in nations which are considered by the major powers to be geopolitically important. The U.N. agencies have so far received just 2.9 percent of their request for Palestine, and 8.4 percent of the money they need in Afghanistan.

The latter figure is, in light of the repeated promises made by the nations prosecuting the war there, extraordinary. "To the Afghan people we make this commitment," Blair pledged during the same speech in October 2001. "The conflict will not be the end. We will not walk away, as the outside world has done so many times before." Three months later, the U.N. estimated that Afghanistan would need at least \$10 billion for reconstruction over the following five years. The U.S., which had just spent \$4.5 billion on bombing the country, offered \$300 million for the first year and refused to make any commitment for subsequent years. This year, George Bush "forgot" to produce an aid budget for Afghanistan, until he was forced to provide another \$300 million by Congress.

The government, which has an annual budget of just \$460 million—or around half of what the U.S., still spends every month on chasing remnants of Al Qaeda through the mountains—is effectively bankrupt. At the beginning of this month the Afghan president, Hamid Karzai, flew to Washington to beg George Bush for more money. He was given \$50 million, \$35 million of which the U.S., insists is spent on the construction of a five-star hotel in Kabul. Karzai, in other words, has discovered what the people of Iraq will soon find out: generosity dries up when you are yesterday's news.

If, somehow, you are still suffering from the delusion that this war is to be fought for

the sake of the Iraqi people, I would invite you to consider the record of the prosecuting nations. We may believe that George Bush and Tony Blair have the interests of foreigners at heart only when they spend more on feeding them than they spend on killing them.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HYDE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today until 11 p.m. on account of medical reasons.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 153. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish penalties for aggravated identity theft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 11 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 24, 2003, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1220. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Mexican Fruit Fly; Treatments [Docket No. 02-129-2] received March 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1221. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Mexican Fruit Fly; Addition of Regulated Area [Docket No. 02-129-3] received March 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1222. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Licensing and Inspection Requirements for Dealers of Dogs Intended for Hunting, Breeding, or Security Purposes [Docket No. 99-087-3] received March 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1223. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Experimental and Innovative Training — received February 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1224. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administra-

tion, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Civil Penalties Under ERISA Section 502(c)(7) and Confirming Technical Changes on Civil Penalties Under ERISA Sections 502(c)(2), 502(c)(5) and 502(c)(6) (RIN: 1210-AA91, RIN: 1210-AA93) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1225. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Rule Relating to Notice of Blackout Periods to Participants and Beneficiaries (RIN: 1210-AA90) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1226. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Dept., Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits — received March 4, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1227. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting the Energy Information Administration's Annual Energy Review 2001, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 790f(a)(2); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1228. A letter from the Director, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2001 Annual Report on Health Disparities Research of the National Institutes of Health, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 299a—1 Public Law 106—525, section 903 (a)(6); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1229. A letter from the Director, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a Strategic Research Plan and Budget to Reduce and Ultimately Eliminate Health Disparities for FY 2002-2006, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 287c—31 Public Law 106—525, section 105; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1230. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — New Animal Drugs; Phenylbutazone; Extralabel Animal Drug Use; Order of Prohibition [Docket No. 03N-0024] received March 11, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1231. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Permits for Construction, Modification, Relocation and Operation of Stationary Sources of Air Pollutants, Notification Requirements, Administrative Updates, Temporary Permits [WV055-6025a; FRL-7449-4] received February 25, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1232. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), FM Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Blanket, TX) [MB Docket No. 02-351; RM-10601] received March 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1233. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, Digital Television Broadcast Stations

(Little Rock, AR) [MM Docket No. 00-139; RM-9915] received March 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1234. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Ridgway and Rangely, CO) [MB Docket No. 02-118; RM-10394] received March 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1235. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, (Rose Hill and La Grange, NC) [MB Docket No. 02-110; RM-10406] received March 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1236. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Greenwood, MS) [MB Docket No. 02-209; RM10512]; Hyannis, NE [MB Docket No. 02-210; RM-10510]; Wall, SD [MB Docket No. 02-211; RM-10511] received March 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1237. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Murrieta, Arcadia, Fallbrook, Yucca Valley, and Desert Hot Springs, CA) [MM Docket No. 01-11; RM-10027, RM-10322] received March 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1238. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Monroe and Luna Pier, MI) [MB Docket No. 02-115; RM-10427] received March 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1239. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Crawfordville, GA) [MB Docket No. 02-225; RM-10517] received March 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1240. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Dickens, TX) [MB Docket No. 02-258; RM-10500]; (Floydada, Texas) [MB Docket No. 02-259; RM-10501]; (Rankin, Texas) [MB Docket No. 02-262; RM-10504]; (San Diego, Texas) [MB Docket No. 02-264; RM-10505]; (Westbrook, Texas) [MB Docket No. 02-265; RM-10556] received March 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1241. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Jasper, FL) [MB Docket No. 02-274; RM-10560]; Tigerton, WI [MB Docket No. 02-275; RM-10561] received

March 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1242. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, (Madisonville and College Station, Giddings, and Bay City, Columbus, Edna, Garwood, Palacios and Sheridan, TX) [MM Docket No. 99-331; RM-9728, RM-9847, RM-9848] received March 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1243. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Source Material Reporting Under International Agreements (RIN: 3150-AH10) received March 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1244. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification pursuant to Section 1203 (d) of the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993 and the the FREEDOM Support Act (Public Law 102-511); to the Committee on International Relations.

1245. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's inventory of activities that are not inherently governmental functions as required by Section 2 of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act of 1998, Public Law 105-270; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1246. A letter from the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Semiannual Management Report to Congress for April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002, and the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1247. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting a copy of the Department's Commercial Activities Inventory for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1248. A letter from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting notification that effective March 1, 2003, the Director resigned; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1249. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Notices (RIN: 1029-AB99) received February 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1250. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment (GODAE) [Docket No. 021202295-2295-01] received February 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1251. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 021212306-2306-01; I.D. 021403] received March 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1252. A letter from the Chief Scout Executive and President, Boy Scouts of America,

transmitting the Boy Scouts of America 2002 report to the Nation, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 28; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1253. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's legislative proposal to restructure the patent fees and adjust trademark fees for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1254. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, INS, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Abbreviation or Waiver of Training for State or Local Law Enforcement Officers Authorized to Enforce Immigration Law During a Mass Influx of Aliens [INS No. 2241-02] (RIN: 1115-AG84) received February 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1255. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Forms Services, INS, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removal of Visa and Passport Waiver for Certain Permanent Residents of Canada and Bermuda [INS No. 2202-02] (RIN: 1115-AG68) received February 4, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1256. A letter from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Admission and Orientation Program: Removal From Rules [BOP-1110-1] (RIN: 1120-AB08) received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1257. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, INS, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Automated Inspection Services—Extension of Enrollment Period [INS No. 2256-03] (RIN: 1115-AG94) received March 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1258. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Forms Services, INS, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Release of Information Regarding Immigration and Naturalization Service Detainees in Non-Federal Facilities [INS No. 2203-02] (RIN: 1115-AG67) received January 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1259. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Forms Services, INS, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of a \$3 Immigration User Fee for Certain Commercial Vessel Passengers Previously Exempt [INS No. 2180-01] (RIN: 1115-AG47) received January 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1260. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Aliens and Nationality; Homeland Security; Reorganization of Regulations [EOIR No. 137F; AG Order No. 2662-2003] (RIN: 1125-AA42) received March 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1261. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Documentation of Immigrants — Elimination of Extended Visa Validity Benefits under Section 154 Pub. L. 101-649 — received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1262. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Documentation of Immigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended — Issuance of New or Replacement Visas

(RIN: 1400-AB39) received March 11, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1263. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zone; Miss America Pageant, Atlantic City, New Jersey [COTP Philadelphia-02-005] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1264. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Industrial Canal, one-quarter mile north and south of the Almonaster Bridge, New Orleans, Louisiana [COTP New Orleans-02-018] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1265. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River, Mile Marker 52.0 to 53.0, Cape Girardeau, MO [COTP Paducah, KY 02-006] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1266. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Atchafalaya River, Port of Morgan City, Morgan City, LA [COTP Morgan City-02-005] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1267. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Mississippi Sound, Pascagoula, Mississippi [COTP Mobile-02-017] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1268. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Ohio River Mile 90.0 to 91.0, Wheeling, West Virginia [COTP Pittsburgh-02-014] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1269. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zones; Coast Guard Activities New York [CGD01-02-103] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1270. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zone; All water within 100 ft of the M/F FUJI MARU while transiting Apra Harbor and while moored at Hotel Wharf, Port Authority of Guam, Territory of Guam [COTP GUAM-02-016] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1271. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zones; Port of New York/New Jersey [CGD01-02-120] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1272. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department

of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Ashley River, Charleston, SC [CGD07-03-018] received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1273. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Monongahela River, Mile Marker 0.0 to Mile 1.3 and Allegheny River Mile Marker 0.0 to Mile Marker 0.5, Pittsburgh, PA [COTP Pittsburgh-02-020] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1274. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Allegheny River Mile Marker 0.0 to Mile Marker 0.3, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania [COTP Pittsburgh-02-021] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1275. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Monongahela River Mile: 22.5 to 23.5 [COTP Pittsburgh-02-015] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1276. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone, Chickahominy River, Williamsburg, Virginia [CGD05-02-045] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1277. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety zone; 4th of July Celebration, Marblehead, Massachusetts [CGD1-02-080] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1278. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety zone; Triathlon Swim, Hudson River, Ulster Landing, NY [CGD01-02-081] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1279. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Strategic Booming Exercise in Absecon Inlet, New Jersey [COTP Philadelphia-02-002] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1280. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administration Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone Regulation: Horn Island Sea Buoy (HI) at the entrance to Horn Island Pass in the Gulf of Mexico to Bayou Casotte, Mississippi [COTP Mobile, AL 02-009] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1281. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Fourth of

July Fireworks, Lake City, MN [COTP St. Louis, MO-02-011] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1282. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GICW), Mile Marker 210 to 225 (EHL), Fort Walton Beach, Florida [COTP Mobile-02-013] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1283. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; First Night Summer Best Fireworks, Dorchester Bay, Dorchester, MA [CGD01-02-097] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1284. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone: Yankee Homecoming Fireworks, Cashman Park, Newburyport, MA [CGD01-02-095] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1285. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety and Security Zone: Boston's Fourth of July Esplanade Events, Charles River Esplanade, Boston, Massachusetts [CDG01-02-088] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1286. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of the Dimensions of the Grand Canyon National Park Special Flight Rules [Docket No. FAA-2001-8690] (RIN: 2120-AG74) received March 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1287. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zone; Pioneer Dock, Kachemak Bay, Homer, Alaska [COTP Western Alaska 02-008] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1288. A letter from the Trial Attorney, FRA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Conforming the Federal Railroad Administration's Accident/Incident Reporting Requirements to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Revised Reporting Requirements; Other Amendments [Docket No. FRA-2002-13221, Notice No. 2] (RIN: 2130-AB51) received February 28, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1289. A letter from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Coast Guard Board for Correction of Military Records; Procedural Regulation [OST Docket No. 2002-13439; Notice 2002-1] (RIN: 2105-AD19) received February 28, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1290. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Scientific and Technical Reports (RIN: 2700-AC33) received February 10, 2003, pursuant to

5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

1291. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Appeals Regulations: Title for Members of the Board of Veterans' Appeals (RIN: 2900-AK62) received February 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1292. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Provision of Drugs and Medicines to Certain Veterans in State Homes (RIN: 2900-AJ34) received March 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1293. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Deferral of Duty on Large Yachts Imported for Sale [T.D. 03-14] (RIN: 1515-AC58) received March 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1294. A letter from the Acting Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in the Insular Possessions Watch, Watch Movement and Jewelry Program [Docket No. 991228350-2301-04] (RIN: 0625-AA57) received February 11, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1295. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability [Rev. Proc. 2003-24] received March 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1296. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit or abatement; determination of correct tax liability [Rev. Proc. 2003-25] received March 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1297. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Areas in which rulings will not be issued (domestic areas) [Rev. Proc. 2003-3, 2003-1] received February 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1298. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Amendment of 26 CFR Section 301.6103(n)-1 to Incorporate Taxpayer Browsing Protection Act [TD 9044] (RIN: 1545-BB13) received March 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1299. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Earned income credit for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978 [TD 9045] (RIN: 1545-BA34) received March 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1300. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Interest rates; underpayments and overpayments (Rev. Rul. 2003-30) received March 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1301. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Disallowance of Deductions and Credits for Failure to File Timely Return [TD 9043] (RIN: 1545-AY26) received March 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1302. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's legislative proposal entitled, "To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes"; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, Resources, Ways and Means, Government Reform, the Judiciary, Veterans' Affairs, Financial Services, Science, Education and the Workforce, International Relations, the Budget, and * * *

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. DREIER (for himself, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. OSE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. UPTON, Mr. HONDA, Mr. COX, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. HOUGHTON, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. OTTER, and Mr. GOODLATTE):

H.R. 1372. A bill to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to require enhanced disclosures of employee stock options, and to require a study on the economic impact of broad-based employee stock option plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, and Mr. FEENEY):

H.R. 1373. A bill to provide options to States to innovate and improve the education of children with disabilities by expanding the choices for students and parents under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. FILNER, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. REYES, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. LEE, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. FROST, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. MICHAUD, and Ms. WATERS):

H.R. 1374. A bill to amend chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of basic educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. ROSS):

H.R. 1375. A bill to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. LEACH, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. BACHUS, and Mrs. MALONEY):

H.R. 1376. A bill to improve the Enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in

each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WELLER (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. FARR, Mr. STUPAK, and Mr. HINCHEY):

H.R. 1377. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance the access of Medicare beneficiaries who live in medically underserved areas to critical primary and preventive health care benefits, to improve the MedicareChoice program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WELLER:

H.R. 1378. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to increase payments to States for expenditures for short term training of staff of certain child welfare agencies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 1379. A bill to freeze the price of gasoline pending analysis by the Secretary of Energy of fluctuations in such price; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. HALL, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. CANNON, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. LINDER, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. HENSARLING, Ms. DUNN, Mr. RENZI, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. DREIER, and Mr. FLETCHER):

H.R. 1380. A bill to suspend the excise tax on aviation fuel used in commercial aviation during the period of hostilities with Iraq; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HINOJOSA (for himself, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. REYES, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. DINGELL, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. HONDA, Mr. WAXMAN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. BACA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CARDOZA, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. FROST, Mr. STARK, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. BECERRA):

H.R. 1381. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and title 5, United States Code, to allow leave for individuals who provide living organ donations; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform, and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SHADEGG:

H.R. 1382. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the regulatory operation of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 1383. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for the